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The meeting was called to order at 12.25 p.m.

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS ACTIVITIES

1. The CHAIRPERSON invited the Committee to adopt the Committee's biennial report to the General Assembly.

2. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) said that most parts of the biennial report would be the same as those of the previous biennial reports (A/47/41 and A/49/41). The chapter entitled "Overview of the other activities of the Committee" would, however, contain specific references to developments in respect of methods of work, public information activities and international cooperation and solidarity for the implementation of the Convention.

3. The Committee's biennial report on its activities was adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF STATES PARTIES (continued)

4. The CHAIRPERSON invited the Committee to adopt the concluding observations on the initial reports it had considered at the current session.

Yemen (CRC/C/15/Add.47)

5. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur), introducing the Committee's draft concluding observations on the initial report of Yemen (CRC/C/15/Add.47), drew particular attention to paragraphs 14 to 23, which contained the Committee's suggestions and recommendations.

6. The concluding observations on the initial report of Yemen were adopted.

Mongolia (CRC/C/15/Add.48)

7. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's draft concluding observations on the initial report of Mongolia (CRC/C/15/Add.48).

8. The concluding observations on the initial report of Mongolia were adopted.

Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (CRC/C/15/Add.49)

9. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's draft concluding observations on the initial report of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (CRC/C/15/Add.49).

10. The concluding observations on the initial report of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia were adopted.

Iceland (CRC/C/15/Add.50)

11. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's draft concluding observations on the initial report of Iceland (CRC/C/15/Add.50).

12. The concluding observations on the initial report of Iceland were adopted.

Republic of Korea (CRC/C/15/Add.51)

13. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's draft concluding observations on the initial report of the Republic of Korea (CRC/C/15/Add.51).

14. The concluding observations on the initial report of the Republic of Korea were adopted.

Croatia (CRC/C/15/Add.52)

15. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's concluding observations on the initial report of Croatia (CRC/C/15/Add.52).

16. The concluding observations on the initial report of Croatia were adopted.

Finland (CRC/C/15/Add.53)

17. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur) introduced the Committee's draft concluding observations on the initial report of Finland (CRC/C/15/Add.53).

18. The concluding observations on the initial report of Finland were adopted.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS ELEVENTH SESSION (CRC/C/50)

19. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur), introducing the Committee's draft report on the eleventh session (CRC/C/50), said that chapter I on "Conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Committee on the Rights of the Child" dealt with the question of the Committee's participation in, and contribution to, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) to be held in Istanbul in June 1996. Chapter IV.A. on "Methods of work of the Committee" stressed that priority attention should be given to the preparation of guidelines for periodic reports. A working group composed of six Committee members would submit a draft document for discussion at the Committee's next session.

20. The Committee had been informed of developments in connection with the computerization of its work and had been assured of assistance by UNICEF. With regard to chapter IV.B. of the report on "Cooperation with United Nations and other competent bodies", the Committee had participated in a working group entrusted with the preparation of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on involvement of children in armed conflict. In the coming week, the Committee would also take part in a working group set up to consider whether there was a need for an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

21. In the area of the administration of juvenile justice and as a follow-up to the Committee's earlier thematic discussion, there had been an important

exchange of views with Professor Vitit Muntarbhorn, who had been entrusted with the task of preparing a preliminary study on an integrated international strategy on that question. The report also referred to the World Congress against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children to be held in August 1996 and to the Committee's decision to continue its involvement in the preparatory work for that Congress. The subject for the Committee's day of general discussion on 7 October 1996 would be "the child and the media". The outline that had been prepared for that discussion would be sent to all relevant bodies, as well as to media representatives.

22. The report of the Committee on its eleventh session (CRC/C/50) was adopted.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

23. The CHAIRPERSON thanked all members of the Committee and the secretariat for their cooperation and efforts throughout the session.

24. She declared the eleventh session of the Committee closed.

The meeting rose at 1.10 p.m.